MEMBER : The average number is 300.

DEWAN : Is it the number of in-patients ?

MEMBER : No, not in-patients.

DEWAN : There is no permanent need for additional accommodation. The Administrative Board considered it and said that accommodation will be provided as necessity arises. I will ask the Inspecting Officer to look into the matter once more.

MEMBER : Kuttapuzha canal is sure to benefit at least 1,000 acres there and 3,000 acres at Changanachery.

DEWAN : I shall ask the Chief Engineer to bring over the plans and discuss the matter with me.

103. Needs of Chengannur.

MR. MULUR S. PADMANABHA PANICKAR (*Member, Chengannur taluk*) drew the attention of Government to the following needs of Chengannur :—

(i) Maintenance by Government of the following ryots' roads :—

Tumpamon-Kozhanchery road ;
Omalloor-Mulakuzha road ;
Mulakuzha-Kidangannur road ;
Kidangannur-Elavantitta road ;
Kidangannur-Kuzhikala road ;
Elavantitta-Kulangada road ;
Elavantitta-Prakanam road ;
Elavantitta-Elantur road.

(ii) A grant-in-aid should be awarded to Mr. K. M. Govindan Vaidyan of Elavantitta. He was maintaining an Ayurveda Vaidyasala. By caste he was a Kaniyan and had to be encouraged.

(iii) A well should be sunk in the Sri Mula Rajagopala Vilasam market at Elavantitta, walls should be erected round the market, and police arrangements should be made in the market on market days.

(iv) Sanction should be accorded to the S. N. D. P. Branch Association No. 6 of Mezhuveli to open the English school applied for by them. Sanction should also be given for registering the co-operative society and for opening the non-departmental Anchal office applied for by the Yogam.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Padmanabha Panickar, in regard to the Tumpamon-Kozhanchery road, the P. W. D. officers report that the gradient is very steep in some places and at other places the embankments are not fully raised and that the road is not wide enough in many places and until these defects are set right, they will not be in a position to take up the road for maintenance.

MEMBER : The land-owners have agreed to give the necessary lands.

DEWAN : Have they agreed in writing ?

MEMBER : They have given written statements before the Tahsildar. Only one or two people are unwilling to give their lands. For these lands we shall pay the cost.

DEWAN : Much the same thing in regard to the Omallur-Mulakuzha road, which is about 7 miles. It passes through Pantalam, and unless the land is surrendered, the gradients eased, the fences removed, the road cannot be taken over for maintenance.

MEMBER : The Tumpamon-Kozhanchery road is a very useful one. The people are willing to give the necessary lands for it.

DEWAN : The people have agreed to give land free, but it has not been reported to the Chief Engineer or Government. Now that it is known, we can get it done.

MEMBER : If the Pantalam-Elavantitta road is opened, it will be very easy to go to Pathanamtitta. The bridge at Kaipattur can then be done away with altogether.

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DEWAN : Government have already sanctioned two bridges on the Pantalam-Aranmula road. There is provision for the work in the current year's budget and the Chief Engineer is arranging to have it carried out in 1103.

MEMBER . Two bridges are necessary.

DEWAN : Yes, two bridges. And a well in the market will be sanctioned.

MEMBER : The new well should be in the centre of the market.

DEWAN: As regards the question of an English school the matter is under correspondence with the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspector of Schools.

In regard to the Anchal office applied for by the Ananda Bhootheswara Kshetra Yogam, the Anchal Superintendent is in correspondence with the Inspector at Alleppey and the member had better apply direct to the Superintendent.

In regard to the Vaidyasala at Elavantitta the Director of Ayurveda reports that in the Tiruvalla taluk, the number of Vaidyasalas is in excess of the number that is permissible by the rules laid down by Government at the rate of one Vaidyasala for 4 pakuthies. There are 27 pakuthies in the taluk and 11 Vaidyasalas.

MEMBER : There is no Vaiyasala in the neighbourhood. It will be enough if some Vaidyasala in the vicinity is transferred to this place.

DEWAN : I will consult the Director about it.

MEMBER : Nothing has been said about the co-operative society.

DEWAN : The application is pending enquiry with the Registrar and will be disposed of by him as soon as he gets the reports from the Inspectors.

The Assembly adjourned at 5 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. on Monday, the 5th March 1928.

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